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The Honorable Kevin J. Martin
Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street SW
Room 8-B201
Washington, DC 20554

Dear Chairman Martin:

On behalf of the National Troopers Coalition (NTC) and the 45,000 state troopers and highway patrolmen it represents, I am writing to express support for the principles of Cyren Call Communications' proposal (FCC RM No. 11348) to build a nationwide, wireless broadband network for public safety. America's first responders and others directly involved with protecting our homeland deserve sufficient spectrum combined with innovative funding methods to access the most advanced wireless communications services and technology.

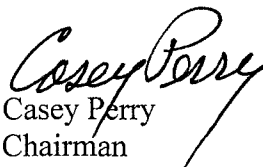
The NTC members serve as first responders in emergencies, whether caused by man or nature, and have a great stake in the national response to addressing communications capabilities. Our organization realizes first-hand the need for a nationwide IP-based broadband network that would enable instantaneous transmission of critical data at the scene of an incident or between and among several elements of the first responding teams or emergency personnel – examples of two critical communications needs constrained by today's public safety systems throughout the country.

Our nation has a unique opportunity to allocate 30 MHz of spectrum in the upper 700 MHz band to be held in trust for public safety to create a nationwide public safety broadband network. The principles of Cyren Call's proposal include (1) reallocating the 30 MHz block of frequencies from the planned auction of 700 MHz spectrum to public safety; (2) creating a Public Safety Broadband Trust to hold the spectrum license, and (3) using private capital to fund a public/private shared network built to public safety's specifications. This proposal is innovative and, for the first time, cohesively resolves the multitude of problems contributing to public safety's communications problems by joining public and private interests.

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I urge the FCC Commissioners, Congressional representatives and other decision-makers in Washington, DC to fulfill their obligation to act in the public interest. Time is of the essence and if action is not taken quickly, the frequencies will be auctioned in early 2008 for commercial purposes and this opportunity will be lost forever. Please prioritize public safety by allocating the 30 MHz of spectrum to a Public Safety Broadband Trust enabling the principles of Cyren Call's proposal to create a communications system benefiting all Americans. Additionally, I am attaching a Resolution unanimously adopted by the NTC that addresses our support for this matter.

Sincerely,


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Attachment

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RESOLUTION

SUPPORT FOR PUBLIC PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP TO BUILD NATIONWIDE BROADBAND NETWORK FOR PUBLIC SAFETY

WHEREAS, the National Troopers Coalition (NTC), consisting of over 30,000 nationwide members representing the interests of State Trooper and Highway Patrol Associations fundamentally supports collaborative and innovative approaches to enhancing homeland security and advancing law enforcement, citizen, and community safety; and

WHEREAS, the National Troopers Coalition (NTC) continually strives to better police services to the public and throughout the United States and to elevate the standards of policing; and

WHEREAS, the National Troopers Coalition (NTC) strives to make available for law enforcement the best possible equipment and improved worker safety in working conditions; and

WHEREAS, efficient and successful command and control of emergency incidents requires immediate access to reliable and robust access to data by all responders to ensure a well-coordinated, multi-disciplinary response; and

WHEREAS, the current inability to readily communicate between individual agency systems has proven to obstruct critical

operations and impend responders safety in the course of rendering assistance; and

WHEREAS, a interoperable, wireless, IP based public safety radio communications network, with sufficient and priority access for voice and data communications capabilities will enhance first responder's ability to protect and saves lives; and

WHEREAS, the Federal Communication Commission's scheduled clearance of frequency spectrum currently in use by TV broadcasters in the 700MHz band presents a exclusive and one time in history opportunity to join with public and private partners to make available increases in the quantity of available frequencies for first responder voice and data communications as well as significantly advance the quality and reliability of such transmissions;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the National Troopers Coalition (NTC) hereby supports the principles of the concept to seek an additional 30 MHz of 700MHz spectrum allocation for the benefit and advancement of public safety interoperable, broadband communications nationwide. Additionally, the National Troopers Coalition (NTC) recognizes the need for and encourages a more comprehensive evaluation and deliberation of the issues and emerging initiatives raised in Cyren Call Communications April filing with the Federal Communications Commission (FCC). The National Troopers Coalition (NTC) would ask the Administration and the Congress to change federal law to allow the use of this spectrum for a nationwide broadband network for public safety; and ask the FCC to initiate a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM) to consider what the best and highest use of this spectrum could and should be. To this end, the National Troopers Coalition (NTC) will strongly engage in and support related efforts to achieve the successful advancement of this resolution.

ADOPTED: October 6, 2006